Overall, the Vision Document stresses on the development of agriculture and allied sectors, strengthening of physical infrastructure and participatory development and inclusive governance.

(c) The Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region has constituted 16 Thematic Working Groups comprising of line Ministries, State Governments of the region and sectoral experts. These Thematic Working Groups have prepared plans of action based on the Vision Document to achieve its objectives. The Plans of action were presented to the public representatives, Governments, Press and civil society groups of the North-East in the office of North-East Council in Shillong, 3-4 December 2008.

Action against polluting industries

1115. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to levy tax on polluting industries in view of encouraging to scale down of carbon emission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would also constitute any statutory body to measure and analyze the carbon footprint of polluting industries and take strong action against industrial units which cause huge carbonization ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal by the Government to levy tax on polluting industries in view of encouraging to scale down of carbon emission.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal to constitute a statutory body to measure and analyze the carbon footprint of polluting industries. India has been following a path of sustainable development through a range of policies and programmes to mitigate climate change and reduce carbon emissions. Some of the steps taken by the Government include *inter-alia* setting up of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and encouraging energy conservation and introduction of energy efficiency labeling, promoting use of renewable energy, power sector reforms, use of cleaner and lesser carbon-intensive fuel for transport, fuel switching to cleaner energy, afforestation and conservation of forests, promotion of clean coal technologies, reduction of gas flaring, encouraging Mass Rapid transport systems and environmental quality management for all sectors.

E-waste management

1116. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: